

Data Sheet

USAID Mission:	Eurasia Regional
Program Title:	Private Enterprise Development
Pillar:	Economic Growth, Agriculture and Trade
Strategic Objective:	110-0130
Status:	Program Support Objective
Planned FY 2005 Obligation:	\$549,000 FSA
Prior Year Unobligated:	\$287,000 FSA
Proposed FY 2006 Obligation:	\$760,000 FSA
Year of Initial Obligation:	1996
Estimated Year of Final Obligation:	2006

Summary: Building on existing bi-lateral competitiveness activities, assistance under this program support objective promotes the competitiveness of small- and medium-sized enterprises in the region.

Inputs, Outputs, Activities:

FY 2005 Program: Increase Private Sector Growth. (\$549,000 FSA, \$287,000 FSA carryover). The Regional Competitiveness Initiative aims to increase the competitiveness of small and medium sized enterprises in the region. It builds on, complements, and adds a regional dimension to existing bi-lateral programs.

Contacts with industry and agricultural firms are being pursued throughout the region through the bilateral programs to identify clusters of businesses that are capable and committed to working together to produce quality products that respond to the demands of the markets in the region and beyond. Up to six industry clusters, either on a regional or country specific level will be selected for technical assistance. Opportunities to bring business, government, and civil society leaders together to increase the competitiveness of their countries and regions through regional competitiveness consultative councils will be developed and supported. In order to measure progress, assistance will be provided to include countries of the region in the annual Global Competitiveness Report published by the World Economic Forum. Technical assistance will be provided to all participating clusters on the standardization and harmonization of their products for international trade. Contractor: Chemonics and Segura/IP3 (primes).

This component will also finance technical expertise to support and complement mission programs and capabilities and to help manage regional activities.

FY 2006 Program: Increase Private Sector Growth (\$760,000 FSA). The assistance to selected industry clusters will continue. USAID will work with the groupings of businesses to better understand the demands of the markets, to improve the business environment directly impacting the cluster, to improve the productivity and value up and down the supply chain, and to participate actively in cross border trade. Efforts to link business, government and civil society leaders will be continued. Contractor: same as FY 2005.

Performance and Results: Nearly all USAID bilateral and regional private sector programs have focused significant resources on improving the environment for private sector economic growth. Participation in a Regional Competitiveness workshop in Macedonia in September 2004 provided an introduction to the regional Competitiveness Initiative contractor Segura/IP3 and provided initial inputs to the work plan. This was followed by staff visits to seven countries and consultations with local missions and bilateral program implementers and resulted in the identification of three regional initiatives that will become the initial focus of the program: customs standardization, an information and communications technology cluster, and a processed food cluster.

US Financing in Thousands of Dollars

Eurasia Regional

110-0130 Private Enterprise Development	ESF	FSA
Through September 30, 2003		
Obligations	15,092	76,754
Expenditures	15,008	74,735
Unliquidated	84	2,019
Fiscal Year 2004		
Obligations	0	1,491
Expenditures	0	1,349
Through September 30, 2004		
Obligations	15,092	78,245
Expenditures	15,008	76,084
Unliquidated	84	2,161
Prior Year Unobligated Funds		
Obligations	0	287
Planned Fiscal Year 2005 NOA		
Obligations	0	549
Total Planned Fiscal Year 2005		
Obligations	0	836
Proposed Fiscal Year 2006 NOA		
Obligations	0	760
Future Obligations	0	0
Est. Total Cost	15,092	79,841